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California Supreme Court Appoints New State Bar Court Judges

San Francisco—The California Supreme Court today announced the appointments of Judges Joann M. Remke and Patrice E. McElroy to the positions of State Bar Court Presiding Judge and Hearing Judge, respectively.

The procedures for nominations and appointments to the State Bar Court and for the Applicant Evaluation and Nomination Committee, which assists the court and the other appointing authorities in making appointments, are governed by Rule 961 of the California Rules of Court.

The committee, chaired by Justice Paul R. Haerle of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Two, recently submitted recommendations to the Supreme Court and to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, pursuant to the provisions of the rule.

Judge Joann M. Remke

Judge Remke was first appointed as a State Bar Court Hearing Judge by the Senate Committee on Rules in 2000, and was reappointed by the same committee in 2004 to a six-year term. She has served as the Supervising Judge of the State Bar Court Hearing Department for 2 years, in 2004 and 2005.

Judge Remke served from 1997 until her appointment to the State Bar Court as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Before that, she served as a bankruptcy specialist for Providian Bancorp, as a VISTA attorney for Montana Legal Services, and as coordinator of the Fair Housing Program in Minnesota.

After receiving her law degree from McGeorge School of Law, she was an associate attorney at Miller, Starr & Regalia in Oakland, for just short of three years. She received her B.A. from the University of Illinois.

Judge Remke succeeds Presiding Judge Ronald Stovitz, who has retired. Her six-year term as Presiding Judge begins on November 1, 2006.

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Judge Patrice E. McElroy

Judge McElroy was first appointed as a judge of the State Bar Hearing Department by the Supreme Court effective November 2001. Before that, she specialized in juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency law as a sole practitioner. She also represented children in administrative hearings concerning special education and in family court proceedings.

Before her sole practice, Judge McElroy served as a staff attorney for the National Center for Youth Law for seven years, and as a principal attorney in the San Francisco Office of the Public Defender for eight years after graduating from Hastings College of the Law. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

The court reappointed Judge McElroy to a new six-year term as a Judge of the State Bar Court Hearing Department beginning November 1, 2006.

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